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REFORMS IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to adverse situation in agricultural sector, central statistical organization has forecasted a mere 4.4 per cent growth in G.D.P. in the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, whether the C.S.O. survey indicates the need for reforms in agricultural sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the proposals of Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): According to the advance estimates of National Income released by the CentralStatistical Organisation (CSO) for the year 2002-03, the estimated growth rate of GDP is 4.4 percent. The contribution to GDP from the sector consisting of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is estimated at (-)3.1 per cent by CSO for the year 2002-03.The estimated negative growth in the sector reflects the sharp decline in the production of major crops like foodgrains and oilseeds resulting from the severe drought in the year 2002.

(b): CSO have not conducted any survey on the need for reforms in agricultural sector.

(c): Does not arise.